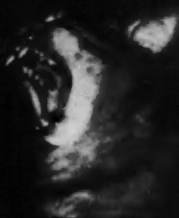


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### COVER

We are indebted to Dr. Joseph R. Spies  
of Arlington, Va., for this spectacular in-  
terpretation of a lonesome cat on a night  
in June.

### WONDER

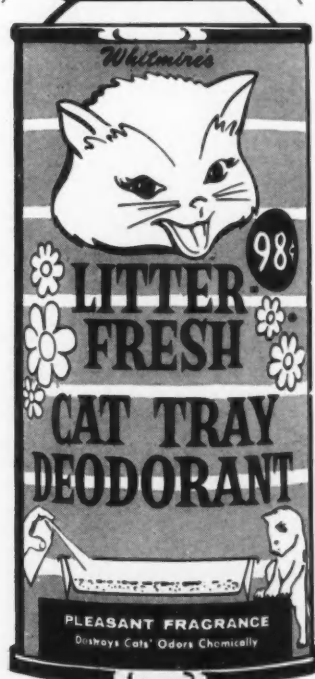
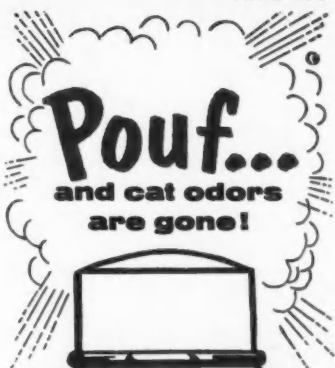
Man is on the threshold of the final  
discovery which will enable him to create  
life. To veteran readers of *Time's* science  
section, or of the *Scientific American*, or  
even of the Sunday supplements, this is  
not news. For several years now the at-  
titude of our science writers has been al-  
most casual when referring to projects  
which would culminate in man-made living  
creatures.

Yet, our ethical and cultural leaders  
have done little to prepare us for the  
impact which these first microscopic arti-  
ficial fellow-beings will have upon us.

But perhaps we are being prepared in  
a way. Our present glorification of the  
physical world of things and of activity  
rather than the spiritual world of thought  
and of contemplation—of length of life  
rather than accomplishment—of financial  
success rather than inner happiness . . .  
these are robbing life of its high purpose,  
are lessening its values, are bringing life  
down to a level which will make man's  
initiation of it only slightly more momen-  
tous than the invention of the safety pin,  
and not nearly as sensational as the Chess-  
man case or the next election.

This, then is a warning to us, the un-  
conditioned—we who still hold that life is  
an emotion and a dream rather than a  
purely physical thing—who can see beauty  
in every form of life and feel awe before  
everything that lives.

Let us marvel at man and his accom-  
plishments, for man, too, is part of life.  
But as we commune with ourselves and  
with our fellow-spirits, our cats, let us  
realize that discovery is not explanation,  
nor is production understanding. The  
mystery of life will remain—to those who  
revere life there will always be hope, and  
faith, and wonder, and love.



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## Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

My five-year-old Seal Point male had a respiratory infection about two years ago. Since that time he has had a white spot on his face. What can I do to bring the color back? He also suffers from stud tail. I give him no fatty foods at all, but it persists. Also, this boy has snored ever since his illness. Can that be corrected?

—Mrs. R. E. Chipperfield

206 State Street South, Kirkland, Wash.

*The appearance of white hairs in Siamese during or after an illness can be caused apparently by some of the antibiotics or by disturbances in the body while ill. The addition of vitamin E might possibly help. The use of a urinary antiseptic may help relieve the "stud tail". Snoring is probably due to a sinus or upper respiratory condition similar to asthma. There are a number of drugs which will help alleviate this.*

Bridget has a boil on her chin. My vet calls it a sebaceous cyst. He opened it and took out a lump of cheesy matter the size of a large pea, but it exudes more or less blood and pus from time to time. The doctor says it has roots and cannot be removed surgically because of its location, nor can it be bandaged. Also, she licks off any ointment.

—Ione D. Proctor

67 Monroe St., New Britain

*This kind of condition is more annoying to the owner than to the pet. There is no, or very little, sensation of soreness or pain with this swelling, but it does look terrible. Usually the swelling will persist for a while and then slowly go away only to recur again and again. It is similar to a cyst in formation, but I have never observed any serious consequences from it. I usually try to keep the area clean by using any mild antiseptic.*

What causes my cats to pass bloody and loose stools and to regurgitate a brownish froth that seems to cause pain just before they throw up? My coon cat's condition was diagnosed as severe intestinal infection, and the medication was acromycin capsules. She first seemed to respond, then grew worse and finally died in great pain. Just before the end she displayed the usual distemper symptoms. Two of my kittens died the same way. My old tom developed a condition wherein he painfully vomited, then went into a coma and passed away. The neighborhood is all alarmed, for many are losing their pets, and no one seems to know what to do.

—E. L.

Farnsworth, East Poland, Maine

*To our great distress the infections which we deal with do not always follow an exact pattern. I would suspect that the basic infection is feline panleukopenia or cat distemper. Treatment with antibiotics would be indicated, and, of course, nursing care is very important. Vaccination is indicated, and even if the cats have once been vaccinated, another dose of vaccine would build up immunity to a maximum degree. STRICT SANITATION can never be overlooked. This does not mean a swish with a rag and some disinfectant, but good hot water plus disinfectant plus elbow grease and real scrubbing.*

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## The Readers Always Write



### BLUE

Dear Editors:

I am sending a photo of my beloved Buster, a Blue Shorthair, who I had for almost twelve years. We are heart-broken now. He had survived three heart attacks and we had been told that he was living on borrowed time. It was still a terrible shock.

We buried him in the little pet cemetery here, and, of course, can never hope to find one just like him. But we would love to have another kitten who needs the affection he seemed to thrive on.

Ethel E. Bell

202 N. Dade Ave.  
Ferguson 35, Mo.

### MODERN SOLOMON

Dear Editors:

We had two kittens given to us from the same litter, one black one and one white, both females. Before they were completely full grown, our cats sprang a surprise on us. Whitie, making a nest in the manger of the barn, presented us with eight little kits. We happened to be there at the time and noticed that Blackie got in and "helped" with the birth. Just a short time later, Blackie gave birth to her own litter in the same nest. She had two coal-black kittens.

The next morning when we went to see them, both cats and all the kittens were gone. On hearing voices, Whitie started bringing the kittens (all ten) down from the haymow . . . one by one. She had no sooner gotten them all down, than Blackie carted them all back up to the loft. Three trips were made by each cat.

While it was amusing to us, we realized it wasn't any too good for the babies. Recalling Solomon and his wisdom, I divided the litters equally. Each mother got five kittens. That seemed to satisfy them both. At least it ended the caravaning to and from the haymow.

Ruth Christensen

Box 2  
Frederic, Wisconsin

### BOBCAT

Dear Editors:

I never realized so many people were interested in Bobcats. Have had many interesting letters since you printed my article in April CATS.

We have many people looking for Bob-

cat lairs in the Mt. Hamilton area. Our veterinarian has contacted a number of the ranchers as he is very interested, too. We feel we must try and find whelps before their eyes are open, bottle feed them and hope they retain their gentleness.

One of Stubby's daughters, a grey Longhair Persian with a stubby tail, just had five kittens sired by him. Two are very short-tailed and three have tails that will be about four or five inches in length when mature. Three of them are males and two of those are already sold. They are such marvelous mousers and such characters.

If we are successful in obtaining Bobcat kittens we will advise you.

N. P. Kenoyer

21151 Bubb Road  
Cupertino, Calif.



### SEMI-ESE

Dear Editors:

This handsome neuter, Mittie, is the offspring of a registered purebred female Siamese and a male of mixed ancestry. Like most such matings, this one resulted in black kittens.

Mittie is now about eight years old and is still a healthy charming creature with a sleek black short-haired coat. His eyes are of a golden yellow hue and are well set in a Siamese head.

246 Marlborough St.  
East Greenwich, R. I.

Percy Gage

### AFRICA SPEAKS

Dear Editors:

CATS Magazine has come to me for two years and the fact that I now avail myself of your reduced subscription rates for extended terms speaks for itself.

Your articles are excellent. Let's have more of the informative type features such as *The Pet Cat in Art*, *Now Curly-Haired Cats* and *Of Cats And Constellations*.

Your photographs are always a delight.  
(Rev.) H. N. Lovemore  
Cape Town, Africa



### PECK & PET

Dear Editors:

This is Half-and-Half, a name she has answered to for the past twelve years. According to what we have read, she is a Tortie by breed, but to us she is a joy and our love.

She is unable to drink milk—gets sick immediately—but loves water and will drink from the fishbowl if she can't find any other water. Loves nylon and has a pair of socks that she uses as security. She carries them from room to room and always has them when she goes to sleep.

31 10th St. Mrs. J. W. Webb, Jr.  
McMechen, W. Va.

### DEFENCE RESTS

Dear Editors:

I would like to comment on the letter of criticism by M. Russell which appeared in the April issue of CATS.

In evaluating a publication of this type, one must realize that its contents must appeal to readers whose interests in cats are varied. Those of us who are trying to keep our animals in the best of health appreciate the value of case studies and are especially interested in the column conducted by Dr. Renaux. Even a cursory examination of the magazine reveals many articles dealing with the personality of the cat, while neither breeder nor show enthusiast will find their specialties neglected.

Those who are inclined to criticize the inclusion of material of particular interest to the breeder should bear in mind that advertising makes a magazine financially possible and breeders are responsible for a significant portion of advertising revenue.

I am sure that I speak for the vast majority of cat owners when I say that if we felt CATS Magazine was not written for us, we would not be subscribing to it.

147 Ridgcrest Road Edward L. Savage  
Ithaca, N. Y.

### LIBRARIAN NEEDED

Dear Editors:

Every page of CATS is a delight. I only wish more of its pages were devoted to "plain" cats and their owners.

Just about a year ago, the Back Fence made mention of a book, *The Gospel of the Holy Twelve*. Could anyone tell me where I might find a copy of it?

446 East 20th St. Suzanne M. Champney  
New York, N. Y.



"THAT CHILD IS IMPOSSIBLE," said Agnes, setting herself under the rose bush and adjusting her tail.

"Know just what you're going through, Aggie," said the black and white cat, "the younger one at my house was the same, did nothing but scream for the first six months."

"Honestly, Vera, I don't think that I can hold out much longer. My nerves simply won't take it."

Agnes frowned and shifted about uneasily. Her dark grey coat had lost its sheen, her eyes were no longer steady and on the whole she looked exactly what she was, a cat with an insurmountable problem.

"As my mother used to say," said Vera, "there comes a time in the life of every cat when she must do what is best for her."

"That is exactly what I intend to do," said Agnes. "I'm going to start looking for a new home."

"Now, now, Aggie, there's no sense in being rash; I'm sure there must be a lot of things you haven't tried. Remember, dearie, new homes aren't as easy to come by as they used to be."

"And just what do you suggest, Vera?"

Vera composed herself before answering. When she spoke it was in the tone of a philosopher trying to qualify a bad case of nerves.

"Humans are not as advanced as cats, Aggie," she said, "and we should try to make allowances for them."

"Now that's what I call practical advice. Next you'll be suggesting that I play nursemaid to the child."

"Well what's wrong with that?"

"Vera, how could I possibly? That child is equal to ten of me."

"I certainly didn't mean for you to take the whole job on your paws," said Vera, turning the chance remark to her own use. "When a kitten is fretful, what does it usually mean?"

"That it isn't getting enough attention."

"Correct. And since kittens are kittens, even when they're human, you can bet the tip of your tail that that is the whole trouble at your house."

"I've thought so myself. But really, Vera, the whole idea is impossible."

"I'm only suggesting that you take over the child's emotional needs, its mother would do all the heavy work." Vera opened her eyes wide to emphasize her next remark. "And if you did take over, Aggie, I honestly think it would be the best thing that could happen to the child."

Agnes said nothing, but tucked the idea away in a special part of her mind, saving it for further mulling over when she would be alone.

A day or two later Agnes thoughtfully concluded that the home you have is better than the one you might find. She decided to try to adjust her surroundings to fit her needs. Whenever the child began fretting, a sure sign of screams on the horizon, Agnes would slip into the nursery, leap onto the pink bureau at the head of the crib and purr him into a

gurgling calm. And then there were the times when she arrived too late. Nothing could bring peace on these occasions except good old-fashioned mothering, which was more than Agnes felt she could handle.

Agnes spent her days with one ear tuned to the nursery, ready to go on duty at the first whimper. It was true that she was becoming fond of the baby, but being constantly on the alert was beginning to have its effects. By the end of the first week she was in such a state that when the dog of the house trotted past her, she leaped out of a half-sleep all fur and crackle. The dog scrambled off in confused fright.

"I tell you, Vera," Agnes said the day after she had frightened the dog, "I'm worse now than I was before."

Vera sighed. "I don't like to say this, Agnes, but are you really in there doing all you can?"

"I do have my limitations, Vera, and while you may not be aware of them, I am."

"I'm fully aware of your limitations, Aggie, what I'm talking about are your possibilities."

Agnes sat very straight, her head at its best angle and her tail curled decorously about her feet.

"Tomorrow I shall be in looking for a new home," she said, softly, but with determination.

"Oh come, Aggie, you haven't given yourself half a chance. Why if you were to let yourself go you'd have this thing licked in no time."

"Vera, if I spend all my time keeping the baby quiet so I can sleep, when do I have the time to sleep?"

"You're so stuffy and stand-offish. Get right in the crib and snuggle up to him. Let him know he's not alone and you'll get all the sleep you need."

"In the crib," said Agnes, doubtfully. "Somehow it doesn't seem proper."

"Oh, proper-poo. Believe me, Aggie, you'll thank me for this one day."

It took Agnes many hours of rationalizing to make her propriety fit her needs. In the end, her prudishness where humans were concerned took one step back and she put four feet in the crib.

The baby stopped his whimpering and stared at Agnes sitting primly in the far corner of the crib. Cat and baby studied each other—carefully and silently. Slowly, with foot-testing caution, Agnes moved toward the baby. Suddenly the baby reached out and grabbed a fist full of cat. Agnes swelled and spat. The baby looked surprised and released his hold. Cautiously, Agnes sat and waited. Each time the little pink hand reached for her she reacted. It took time, but eventually the baby learned to look without touching, and Agnes felt a glow of accomplishment. Gently she brushed his soft cheek with her nose. He laughed, putting his hand to the spot she had touched. Within the hour Agnes and baby were sleeping, a comfort to each other.

For a week Agnes attended to her self-appointed duties with a growing fondness for her ward. She soon found that there is little difference in babies, cat or human. Once they are comfortable physically they want love and attention and Agnes supplied that.

The baby's mother, one of those people who hide their ignorance under the guise of being modern, followed a schedule which better fitted her needs than the baby's. There were set and certain times when the mother attended the child. At the first foot-fall, Agnes would slip through the bars and settle herself under the crib.

Agnes was happy. The hairless, pink kitten wanted and needed her so strongly that she quickly lost all reserve and loved him as though he were her own. The more she loved the greater became her concern over the things which she could not do for him, and there were the things which she considered the most important. The baby's

## KITTEN SITTER

by John Healy

mother had ignored the basic training which the most lax of cat mothers would have attended to long before this. Agnes began to look upon the mother as an inefficient woman who flatly refused to do her duty. And Agnes for one had no intention of allowing her foster-kitten to face life without the best training she could give him. She had raised eight sturdy, well-mannered kittens of her own so she knew how things should be done.

Vera was sitting under the rose bush in her yard contemplating the wonder of herself when a ruffled, fur-swollen Agnes tore through the hedge and darted into the deepest recess of the protecting thorns. Vera leaped to her feet ready for an attack. In the distance a woman was screaming.

In time Agnes smoothed down sufficiently to resume her dignity. She sat with her back to Vera, washing.

"That brown dog is always looking for trouble," Vera observed.

Agnes devoted her full attention to polishing her left ear.

"I'm sure it's his home life," continued Vera. "Vicious dogs come from vicious homes."

Agnes turned a baleful eye on Vera. "I did not encounter brown dog, or any other dog for that matter."

"Oh," said Vera. "You were in such a state when —"

"If you must know," Agnes cut in, "you were the reason for my condition."

"Me! Why, Aggie how can you say such a thing. I haven't been out of the yard all day."

"If I ever come to you again for advice, Vera, it will be because I'm too old and silly to know better."

Vera, very much on her dignity re-

# FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

## CAT HEAVEN

She'll feel a little strange, dear God,  
When first she comes to you.  
Could you please take her on her leash  
Just the first strange day or two?  
And could some lesser angel  
Who loves cats, in my stead  
Take her in with her at night,  
Cuddled warm in bed?  
She's a mighty hunter, God,  
And may bring you a mouse.  
If you praise her at the doorstep  
She'll not bring it in the house.  
Just show her once her pan and dish,  
She's neat and clean and sweet;  
You'll find her with you everywhere  
Purring around your feet.  
She'll well repay you for your care  
With faithful adoration;  
I thank you God for lending me  
This bit of your creation.  
The arms around her that sad day  
When she went to sleep, were mine.  
It helps to think of her as now  
Cradled safe in Thine.

—Margaret A. Stanger

## COS

*Healthy, wealthy,  
And also wise,  
Early to bed,  
Early to rise,*

*Is the cat of Cos  
Where Hippocrates  
Treated his patients  
Under the trees.*

—Sydney R. McLean

## THE ARISTOCRATS

You check us for our length of tail,  
Observe our ears and eyes,  
Measure shape and body frame,  
Our length and width and size.

But when you question ancestry  
Forgive our scornful smile,  
We purred in Baby Moses' ear  
When Pharaoh ruled the Nile.

—Beatrice Sullivan

## MOON FINDER

Tom-cat knew of the moon before  
The Sputniks and the Satellites,  
For years, he has sat on the fence,  
To howl out under it the nights  
It shone its fullness down to him.

I think Tom-cat could map it well;  
If he would only talk . . . and tell!

—Jessie Cannon Eldridge

## SIAMESE PRINCE

Prince Sigh is a Siamese,  
But he has no papers;  
He roams around the neighborhood  
Cutting feline capers.

His blue eyes crossed, his brown tail  
kinked—

Still he has an air;  
The blood of all those ancient kings  
Must give him savoir-faire.

And our common tabby cat  
Loves to see him come;  
She rolls the catnip carpet out  
For the royal bum.

—Miriam Ashley Kozelka

## PALERMO

*Kittens play  
On Palermo pier  
Where once the people  
Lived with fear.*

*Tall buildings rise  
Where the land lay dead,  
And the kittens play  
Where the sea ran red.*

—Sydney R. McLean

## THAT'S CATS

He rubs his wet and sneezy nose  
Against my last clean pair of hose;  
He sneaks up past me on the stair  
And trips me when I'm unaware;  
And when I choose to rest my feet,  
This cat pre-empts my favored seat.

At other times, with brazen gall,  
He heeds some shameless she-cat's call,  
And scorns disdainfully my petting,  
More eager, far, to be begetting!

—Eliana Beam

## CLAUDIUS CHRISTOPHER III

Claudius Christopher number three  
Is a lordly Persian of high degree.

He sits on the sill and surveys his  
domain

Like a martyr enduring a fatal pain.

He does not approve of our way of  
living,

Censure and scorn he is free in giving.  
Indeed, he would have us thoroughly  
cowed,

Subdued and beaten, obedient and  
bowed,

Were it not for one redeeming grace,  
The single fact that saves our face.

Claudius Christopher may be greater,  
But he can't open the refrigerator!

—Mildred Witmer

## VENICE

*The Venetian cat  
Dines on pigeon  
Every night  
To the last smidgin.*

*Though you wouldn't think  
There would be any  
Left in the Square  
There are just as many.*

—Sydney R. McLean

## OF CATS AND GINGHAM

A crescent of fur settled down for a  
nap

With quiescent purr . . . on a soft  
gingham lap.

The woman's fingers knitted and  
purled . . .

The wool nicely balled, the cat snugly  
curled.

Some yarn and a needle and cats go  
together

As sunshine and wind and rain with  
the weather;

As bacon and eggs on a frost-nipped  
morn;

As salt and pepper and crow-calls and  
corn.

Imagine this tiger in the midst of  
Times Square

Arched 'top a sign in the hard neon's  
glare.

He'd hiss and he'd yowl but he'd not  
dilly-dally—

Pounce through the clamor and head  
for some alley,

And when he could dream he would  
dream of a nap

Where he could measure the peace  
of a soft gingham lap.

—Marguerite Hemment

## INSIDE LOOKING OUT

*Being a cat, he doesn't like rain,*

*Shakes his feet to be rid of the last  
drop. . .*

*Then sits with his face to the window-  
pane,*

*Wishing, no doubt, the rain would  
stop.*

—Katherine Walker

## APARTMENT CAT

Three stories up you sit and stare  
Through the apartment window  
square

That frames your patch of sky;

You who were made for wind and  
sun,

Must be content with hours spun  
In watching passers-by.

—Gladys Cornell



Here Mrs. Bittenbender discusses her work with her instructor at an exhibition held at the Philadelphia Y.W.C.A.

Sally and one of her models, Winkle, at work. The sketch is made first as a guide for the final sculpturing.

## CAT FANCIER IN ART

by Amalia Clarkson

Many artists specialize in one subject, portraits of children, ships, flowers, or the ocean. For Sally Kohl Bittenbender it is cats.

"Ever since I was a little girl, cats with their grace, dignity, and independent spirit have fascinated me. That is how all this began," said Sally, as she waved a hand around the cat-filled livingroom of her home in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Paintings of cats hung on the walls. The piano and tables were filled with sculptured cats, and curled up among them were her models—five handsome cats, four neuters and a spay—who graciously pose for Sally whenever she wishes.

Her studio is the entire one-story, ranch-type home. "I find it best to work wherever my model is most comfortable and most likely to stay put," says Mrs. Bittenbender, "but when I work with clay it is usually in the kitchen."

Some years ago Sally studied art. As she loved cats, it was natural for her to sketch and paint them for her own amusement, never realizing where her hobby would lead her.

Three years ago she began studying sculpture under Leon Sitarchuk, and soon she was exhibiting her paintings and winning acclaim from art critics and ailurophiles alike.

She now finds her greatest artistic outlet in sculpturing her four-legged friends in wood and clay.

As the illustrations show, she has caught the fluid grace that characterizes cats in every move they make, whether sleeping, eating, wrestling, playing, washing, hunting, or poised to pounce on a moving object.

Sally exhibits her work at juried shows and galleries, with much of her work being on display at the Crest Gallery in the New

Hope art community. The cat shows in the Philadelphia area, too, urge Sally to display her works as an added attraction at the shows.

"I study continually to improve my technique, and, believe me, I never lack models. Friends, neighbors, even strangers are always calling me or coming here to ask me what to do for a sick or injured cat. They also bring me all the homeless strays that they find on their doorsteps," the artist told us. Some of Sally's present models came to her in this way. She just can't desert a homeless kitty.

One bitterly cold day, while shopping, Sally saw a clerk about to toss a tiny kitten from a store out into the street. She rushed up and scooped the kitten in her hands and tucked it under her coat. But her husband said, "No more cats!", and remonstrance with the clerk led only to the remark, "It's hung around here two whole days, and we're not going to have it any longer."

All through the ensuing argument with her husband, Sally held on to the kitten. Then having won as usual, little Cee Cee

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Photos by Gerardus Clarkson II

Winkle watches Mrs. Bittenbender put the finishing touches on himself.



A close-up of two pieces. The Sophisticates on the left is one of Sally's favorites. Woman with Cats on the right is her only work with a human figure plus cats.

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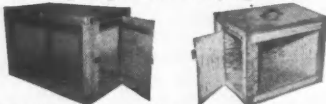
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"Tips to the Novice"  
by  
Blanche  
W. Smith

The letter which follows first appeared in the September 1912 issue of *The Cat Courier*, one of the predecessors of *CATS Magazine*. Although it may have been written slightly tongue-in-cheek, it asks the same questions about raising cats which we breeders still are being asked. So I am using it as a fitting introduction to this article on the business side of cat breeding.

To the Editor of the *Cat Courier*—  
Madam (the letter begins):

I am a young widow (not unattractive) living in a pretty suburb of New York City. I am most anxious to add to my income (living is high) by starting a cattery. I own a comfortable home with a large shaded yard and nearly all my life I have been fond of cats. As I understand the columns of your valuable and interesting—I might say "clever"—catty paper are open to all cat lovers, especially to amateurs and novices, may I trouble you to start an enthusiastic Fancier on the right road by answering the following questions? Which are the most profitable, Persians or Siamese? What is the difference between Angora and Persian? What is meant by the vagaries of a visiting queen? I am told if I start a large cattery I will be happily employed and never know a dull moment. Is this so? If the profit derived from two queens is fifty dollars each a year, what will be the profit on ten queens? Is it absolutely necessary to feed chopped round steak at twenty-two cents a pound? Will stewed shin meat answer as well? Would you advise me to import and buy at the fountain head? Importing is expensive isn't it? I haven't very much money to invest. Which color is the most fashionable and which is the easiest to raise? To be a successful exhibitor and prize winner must you be a popular member of the club or entertain the judges? Can you sell the prizes if you don't care to keep them? I suppose I would have no trouble in procuring first-class queens for a reasonable price as I notice nearly every male and female advertised seems to possess perfect points. Is it a wise plan to sell your kittens before they are born?

Thanking you, I am, yours truly \_\_\_\_\_

Some of the terms in the letter may be a bit unfamiliar to today's fanciers, but it's surprising how little things have changed in the forty-eight years.

Although questions like those asked by the young widow are still the most popular with today's young breeders, none of them really have a great deal to do with

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whether or not the new breeder will be successful. The leading breeders, you will find, are those who have bought the best bloodlines in England and America and have combined them. They have fed their cats on good balanced diets, and have kept them spotlessly clean so that they are strong and healthy. And they have run their catteries and taken care of their business affairs in a businesslike manner.

I have discussed good breeding, diet and health, and cattery cleanliness in previous articles. All are of the utmost importance. But unless you are running your cattery solely as a hobby without regard to expense, you will find it impossible to come even close to breaking even financially without applying good business principles to your cattery operations.

First. I would say, never over-estimate the number of kittens you can sell. It is far better to have fewer than you need than to have kittens you have to practically give away. So never breed your queen or queens more than once a year unless you are sure you can sell the kittens to good homes at fair prices. This will keep your queens in good health, and by breeding to fill your orders only, you will be sure of selling your little babies and will not be afraid of over-stocking the market. Don't under any circumstances breed your cats whenever they call, or let them run loose without paying any attention to when they breed. You can't possibly get healthy kittens if your mother cat isn't strong and healthy, and if she breeds two or three times a year, she'll be far too run-down to give you happy healthy babies. (I know that there are a few exceptions—some queens must be frequently bred to keep in good health. But these are very rare, and you should follow such a practice only under the guidance of your veterinarian.)

Second. If you wish to sell your kittens, you must let people know that you have them. To sell your cats nationally, *CATS Magazine* advertising is the best way to let people know about you. Shipping is not difficult, and tens of thousands of cats are sold by mail every year. Your local newspaper is always a good way to contact buyers right in your locality, especially for pet sales. Word your ad clearly so that people will know the breed, color, and so forth, and it's always a good idea to mention that the kittens are housebroken and have good dispositions, if they do. If results don't come in from the first try, don't blame it on the newspaper—try again. You may have hit the wrong weekend the first time. Don't price your cats too cheaply. \$35.00 should be the minimum for kittens sold as pets. \$50.00 should be your minimum for cats for breeding, and prices for show cats should start not lower than \$100.00 with papers. You hurt only yourself if you sell at prices less than this. It costs at least \$60.00 each on the average to bring your

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kittens up to ten weeks of age if you really count all the costs, and if you sell for much less people will doubt that your kittens are purebred, or may think that they are not healthy.

But if your cat mates to just any male, don't sell the kittens for high prices and expect to have customers the next time you advertise. Give your customers just what they pay for—or at least, try to.

Another very important thing. It won't do you a bit of good to advertise in CATS Magazine or anywhere else if you don't answer your mail. I have a letter in front of me right now from a lady who says she wrote to ten advertisers in CATS enclosing stamped envelopes, and only one replied! You must answer your mail promptly if you want to sell your kittens. When someone writes you for information about your ad, you can be sure she is interested or she wouldn't have bothered in the first place. Of course, you won't sell a kitten to everyone who writes you—you can't *depend* on all the other advertisers not answering their mail!—but those will be by far your most valuable leads if you take an interest in them.

*Third.* If you sell your kittens out of town, be sure to get all the information on shipping before you make the final arrangements. So many people think that just because planes go to their city they can have kits shipped to them. But this is not always the case. Only certain planes will allow your carrier with a cat or kitten, and some allow only two animals per flight, so you must have this all arranged, and your flight booked with the airline.

Or, if you are thinking of sending a kitten by train—this again you must be sure of: you can not ship an animal on just any train, it must be one with a messenger on it to take care of the animals.

The express company and airlines are always glad to give you full information. Just be sure you take the time to call them and arrange all details before you notify your customer when the kittens will be shipped.

Here's a little tip on shipping that will save you carriers and embarrassment. When I first started out, I would ship kittens in very nice carriers which cost about \$12.00. But the customers would very seldom think about sending them back to me even when I requested it. They seemed to think they were included in the purchase price. Now, I hold the papers on the cat until the carrier is returned—this brings very good results.

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The boy, Tim, is shown with shadings that make Mrs. Jefferis an artist in character creating. Each being is an interesting person in his own right.

This is a thoughtful book. Good for reading, considering . . . and then, perhaps, re-reading. Drawings by Mr. Ripper enhance the volume.

—J. L.

*ROCCO CAME IN*, by John Beecroft. Pictures by Kurt Wiese. Dodd, Mead & Company, New York. \$3.00.

Designed as a child's book, adults will generally discover it to their pleasure only by reading aloud to a favorite youngster.

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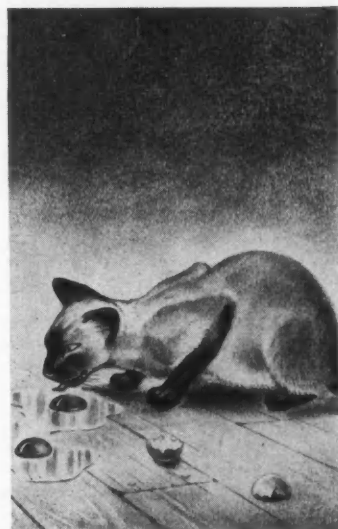
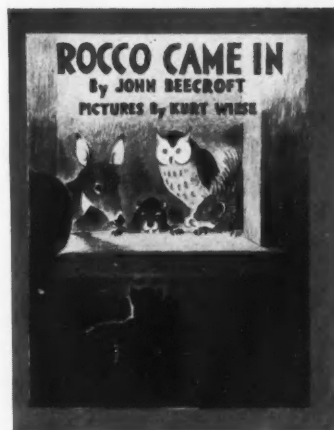
*MINETTE*, by Janice. Illustrated by Alain. Whittlesey House, McGraw-Hill, New York. 32 pages. \$2.25.

Vive les French Chats. Particularly when they are as engaging and saucy as is Minette, the feline resident (appointee of le Ministre) of the Palace of Versailles. Monsieur Henri, the caretaker, felt a mouse trap would save the satin curtains and velvet chairs from mice, but it really took the intelligence of a catlover and Minette, the patriot, to preserve the elegance that was imperial France.

Here is another book, written for children, that will pass from few hands, no matter what age, unread. Alain's sketches add a real French flavor.

"At night I sleep in the Royal Bed—but I keep one eye open in case any mouse ever shows its face. Moi, Minette."

—A. L.



The ROCCO dust cover is by Kurt Wiese; Charles Ripper drew The Siamese, from *HALF ANGEL*; and MINETTE on the royal bed is by Alain.



## Your Psychic Cat

by Wilfrid D. Hambly

European folklore has many references to the sensitivity of cats to weather and danger. A "bawling" cat is announcing rain; and if puss turns toward the wind and washes her face a storm is brewing. Or your cat may announce a frost by sitting with her back to the fire. There is, however, some scientific evidence to show that the sensory organs of cats are extremely refined. Hearing is beyond the range of human beings. The whiskers are delicate sense organs. And though it is not true that a cat can see in absolute darkness, the cat's eye is constructed to give maximum vision with a minimum of light.

The strange beliefs and observations of men of several thousand years ago have anticipated modern research on the mental life of cats. The observations are extended also to dogs, horses, birds and many other creatures. There is a kind of mental activity and knowledge seemingly outside the range of the usual channels such as sight, touch, taste, hearing, and smelling. This unknown source of information is called extra sensory perception (ESP).

Where do cats fit into this picture? Daisy, a female cat, was found as a stray sitting on the step of a summer cottage. She was adopted, but the time came for the family to return to the city some thirty miles away. Daisy was given to a neighbor in whose house she had kittens. The family in the city possibly forgot Daisy but she had not forgotten them, and arrived in the city carrying a kitten. She disappeared and returned with another kitten, and so forth until all kittens were transported. The great puzzle is that Daisy had never seen the city home, hers was a homing instinct for people and not for a place.

Clementine, a cat described in scientific papers of the ESP research laboratory of Duke University, was given to a relative when her owner moved 1600 miles away. Much later, Clementine turned up at the home of her first owner, having traveled all this distance to a place she had never seen. The cat was identified by having seven toes on her front feet, a scar on the left shoulder, and white spots on her belly.

Another aspect of ESP is the knowledge of events taking place at a distance far beyond the range of sight. A certain cat yowled miserably at a time when two boys of the home were absent camping in woods some miles away. When the animal refused to be comforted the owner set out for the woods where he found a forest fire raging. He was just in time to rescue the boys whose situation had become critical.

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*Fourth.* Even though chances are that you will not make a profit as a cat breeder, you should keep records of your cats' expense and your sales so that you will be able to know how much they are costing you and whether you are improving as a businessman from year to year. (Don't forget to include the cost of the shows and travel and the proportionate share of your rent or housing costs.)

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*Fifth.* Always try to get to one or more shows each year and to talk to the other breeders and show your cats. This will help to keep up your interest, and if your cats win, you will know you are on the right track. If you lose consistently, you may ask the judge after the showing is over why your cat lost, and she will generally be glad to tell you how or what you can do to improve your stock. But all you really have to do is to study your cats over carefully, then get out the rules and show standards—and if you look at your cats with an unbiased eye, you won't have to ask anyone else why they lost—you'll see it for yourself.

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We breeders raise cats first and foremost because of the joy it gives us to place a trusting, lovable, little ball of happiness in a home where it will both give and find love. And we live, too, for the excitement and fellowship, and friendly competition of the shows. But most of us can keep enjoying these things only if we can successfully budget both our time and our money. That's why it's important that we keep an eye on the "business" of running a cattery. Good luck to you!

### Would Some of Your Friends Enjoy this Month's CATS?

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## Show Reports

**THE JEWEL CITY CAT CLUB (OFF), 8th Ch Show, Glendale, Calif., Jan. 30-31, 1969. ALL BREED—James Jones, Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Windbank Patti-Kake of Azulita, OE Wh f, Johnston. OS Nov. OS Open; Best T&T—Castilla Bella Adorada of El Gatoito, BC f, Hamlin. Second Best Cat, OS Cat, LH; Best Open, Sil—Sir Ronlore of Silver Mesa, Chin m, Webb. OS Ch, Best SH, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee Kaber Kenny, BP m, Galvin. Best Nov; OS SC—Bre-Etta Perfecto, Blue m, Maxwell. OS Sil—Gray Ivy Caprice of Shado Vali, SS f, Molina. OS T&T—Glen-Lyn Don Tomas, BT m, Elliott. OS SH, FSH, Sia—Cere's Madeline of Malora, BP f, Wheaton. Best DSH—Silver Quest Apache of Cosmos, BT m, Carrithers. OS—Pretti-Lady, Tortie f, Lyvengood. Best Mx—Manxion's Plumpetta Deb, Bk f, Crossley; OS—Smith's Dundee, SMT m, Smith. Best Aby—Pitti-Pat's Saria Shale, f, Willets; OS—Ming Mu's Main Chance, m, Alig. Best Bur—Joli El Toro, m, Ott; OS—Fan Singh f, Gramley. Best RB—Hoeller's Pepita, m, Hoeller; OS—Hoeller's Kiaka of Ming Mu, f, Alig. Best Kit—Smithway's Politician, Blue m, Smith; OS—Castilla Mimi of El Gatoito, Cr f, Hamlin. Best Neuter—Blue Sky Honeybear, Cr, Props; Spay—Flagstone Susan, SS, Morgan. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Roberta Billig**, Best Cat, Open, Sil—Dear-heart Terry of Donegal, SS m, Wysocki. 2nd Best Cat: OS SC—Azulita Play Boy of Hoksang, Blue m, Barton. OS Cat, LH; Best Ch, SC—Windbank Patti-Kake of Azulita, OS Ch—Blue-Check's King Tut of Tops' Kats, Bk m, Topping. Best Nov—El Gato Azul's Hermano of Ednar, Cr m, Dickie; OS—Gallahad's Azize of Shah-an-Shah, OE Wh f, Barberio. OS Open—Princess Laurie, Chin f, Smith. OS Sil—Silver Mesa Miss Pixyane, SS f, Webb. Best T&T—Silver Vista Jade, ST f, Elder; OS—Leigh's Hoghie, RT m, Grover. Best Kit—Smithway's Politician; OE—Castilla Mimi of El Gatoito. Best Neuter—Blue Sky Honeybear; Spay—Flagstone Susan. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Roberta Billig**, Best Cat, Ch, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee Kaber Kenny. 2nd Best Cat—La-Lee-Ho's Frolik of Ramada, FP m, Gerliaky. OS Cat, Ch, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Enchantress, SP f, Galvin. Best Nov, Bur—Joli La Singh, f, Ott. OS Nov, DSH—Reene's Pharaoh, ST m, Lafoon. OS Mx—Smith's Dundee. OS Open—Green Lane Beryl, CP f, Manley. Best DSH—Judy, BT f, Carrithers. Best Mx—Del-Aire's Bonnie Sue, Blue f, Straub. Best Aby—Beaver's Zenoda, f, Chavannes; OS—Ming Mu's Main Chance. OS Bur—Joli El Toro. Best RB—Hoeller's Pepita; OS—Hoeller's Kiaka of Ming Mu. Best Kit—Doelia's Scamp, SP m, Woods; OS—Sable Shadow's Melody, Bur f, Bowman. Best Neuter—Hi-Tai's Black Magic, SP, Lydick; Spay—Ptolema, Bk DSH, Turner. Entries: 244; Exhibitors: 114.**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY CAT CLUB (CFA), 2nd Ch. Show, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 23-24, 1969. ALL BREED—Richard Gebhardt**, Best Cat, Gr Ch, LH, SC—Windbank Patti-Kake of Azulita, OE Wh f, Johnston. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch, Sil—Beverly Serrano Petite, Chin f, Peterson. OS Cat, Ch; Best SH, Bur—Mizpah's Clancy, m, Chartier. Best Nov—Rendara's Bon Bon, CP f, Ludkey; OS—Bre-Etta Perfecto, Blue m, Maxwell. Best Open, OS Bur—Antonica Pamphula of Mirpah, Bur f, Chartier. OS Open—Fan-T-Cee's Alexander, SP m, Galvin. OS LH, SC—Dixland Queen of Azulita, Blue m, Johnston. OS Sil—Uwabi Nui Nui of Fair Oaks, Smk m, Raine. Best T&T—Spero Rose Marie II of Angelita, RT f, Frankfield; OS—Glen-Lyn Don Tomas, BT m, Elliott. OS SH, FSH, Best Sia—Boren's Little Lady Lylac, FP f, Boren. OS Sia—Red Wing's Cho-Abi of Elio-Yae, FP m, Magnan. Best DSH—Judy, BT f, Carrithers; OS—Moonlike Gambler, ST m, Myrick. Best Mx—Plumpetta Deb of Manxion, Bk f, Crossley; OS—Tra-Mar's Flash, OE Wh m, Ericson. Best Aby—Ming Mu's Chilupe, f, Manley. Best Neuter—Lorranger's Nenuki, BP, Lorranger; Spay—Smithway Berdina, Tortie, Smith. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Fannie Wood**, Best Cat, Nov, SC—Bre-Etta Perfecto. 2nd Best Cat; Best Gr Ch; OS Cat, LH, SC—Windbank Patti-Kake. Best Ch—Dixland Queed of Azulita, Blue m, Johnston. OS—Glen-Lyn Candy Lou, Bk f, Weymer. OS Open—Gallahad's Joanie of C-J, Blue f, Elliott. Best Sil—Gray Ivy Aladdin, Chin m, Over; OS—La Chata of Beverly-Serrano, Chin f, Peterson. Best T&T—Spanaway's

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## Cats Club and Show Reporter

### CFF EXPANDS, ELECTS

The 1960 Annual meeting of the Cat Fanciers Federation, Inc. welcomed three new clubs and elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. Ralph A. Wilkinson; First Vice President, J. J. Small, Jr.; Second Vice President, Mrs. Catherine Stray; Secretary, Mrs. John C. Mann; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice S. Dugan; Recorder, Mrs. Joseph Richmond. New clubs accepted were: Alliance Cat Club, California Feline Fanciers, Northeast Feline Fanciers.

### SIX NEW CLUBS JOIN ACA

At its fifty-ninth annual meeting held March 26 in Chicago, the American Cat Association, Inc., reelected its officers: President, Dr. Frances L. MacCraken; First Vice President, Mrs. J. Oken; Second Vice President, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Gibson. The meeting was well attended by delegates and Board Members. New show rules and a new judging standard for Burmese cats were adopted. Appointment of several new judges was made.

New clubs accepted into membership were: Bellflower Cat Fanciers, Contra Costa Cat Fanciers, Ottawa Cat Club, Pacific Cat Fanciers, Tri-County Cat Club, and the Triangle Cat Club of New Jersey.

### TWO NEW CLUBS PLAN SHOWS

The Frontier Cat Fanciers, Inc., a new CFA club, has been organized in Oklahoma City.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Charles B. Rogers; Vice President, Mr. Glenn Roberson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Carlton W. Pallady, 1121 Wilshire Blvd., Oklahoma City 16; additional Directors, Len White and Mrs. Wanda Andrews. First show (judges to be announced) will be held November 26-27 at the Biltmore Hotel.

**World's Playground Feline Fanciers** is the name of the cat club which has just been formed in Atlantic City, N. J., and which has affiliated with ACFA. A combined show is planned for October 22-23. Officers are: President, Eileen V. M. Gleeson, 322 No. Huntington Ave., Margate City; First Vice President, Barbara Anastor; Second Vice President, Edith Swartz; Secretary, Beatrice Braden; Treasurer, Mary E. Appleman; Directors, Frances Van Felt, Thomas Menard, Emile M. Fowler, and James Acor. Counselor: Carl Darnell.

Interested local cat people should contact the secretary or other officers of the clubs. Further information about these shows and the more than one hundred others to be held next show season will be found on the Show Calendar pages of CATS every month as announcements are made.

### OTHER NEW OFFICERS

**San Francisco Cat Club**—President, Albert Galloway; Vice President, Gertrude Sanden; Secretary, Sandra Flynn, 915 Mt. View Drive, Lafayette, Calif.; Treasurer, Peggy Galloway; Board of Directors, Rosemund Flynn, Emma Grant, Pat Putman, Marion Beller.

**Gopher State Cat Club**—President, Dr. G. R. McNear; Vice President, Muriel Finch; Secretary-Treasurer, Shirley Valo; Director, Alair Sharp; Show President, Peter Sharp.

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**Connecticut Cat Fanciers, Inc.**—President, Joseph Andersen; Vice President, Joseph Kerwick; Secretary, Florence Kanoff, Rt. 80, North Guilford, Conn.; Treasurer, Molly Brennan.

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### FLOY MCGILL

Cat fanciers throughout the country will be saddened to learn of the death on March 26 of Floy McGill. Miss McGill was one of the Fancy's most respected judges, and throughout her life worked for the welfare of all cats. For three terms she was president of the American Cat Fanciers, Inc. The quality of her Brown Tabby Longhairs was well known throughout the country.

It was a sad day for the Cat Fancy when Miss McGill passed away. We all felt her to be one of our best judges, and her fund of cat lore and knowledge of the Fancy cannot be replaced.

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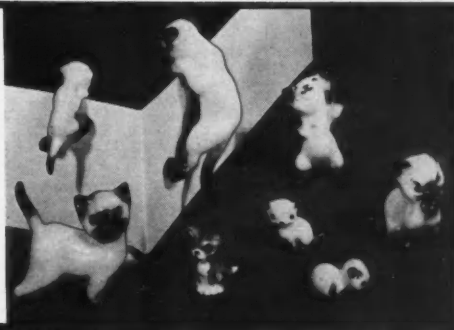
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**SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS, INC. (CFA), 12th Ch Show, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 23-24, 1960. ALL BREED—Frances M. Morris.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Windbank Patti-Kate of Anzita, OS DSH, Johnston. 2nd Best Cat; Best Sil—La Chate de Beverly-Serrano, Chin f, Peterson. OS Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Blue-Check's King Tut of Tops Kats, Blk m, Topping. Best Ch—Gray Ivy Pixie, Chin f, Over. OS Nov—Sky-Hill Tah Fee Lo, FP f, Burt. Best Nov, OS SH, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Fire Dance, SP m, Galvin. Best Open—Gray Ivy Sugar Plum, SS f, Dunning; OS—Azulita Play Boy of Hok Sang, Blue m, Barton. OS Sil—Gray Ivy Aladdin, Chin m, Over. Best T&T—Spero Rose Marie II of Angelita, RT f, Frankenberg; OS—Glen-Lyn Don Tomas, RT m, Elliott. Best SH, FSH, Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Enchantress, SP f, Galvin. Best DSH—Royale's Snow Robin, BE Wh f, Haske; OS—Moonlite Gambler, ST m, Myrick. Best MX—Ocean View Paisley, BK, Hall; OS—Tra-Mar's Flash, OE Wh m, Ericson. Best Abyss—Ming Mu's Chelope, f, Manley. Best Bur—Boren's Sable Sakinah m, Chatter. OS—Mizpah's Anita, f, Chatter. Best Neuter—Rosedale Pishi, Blk, Dickie; Spay—Smithway Berdina, Tortie, Smith. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Doris E. Springer.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, SC—Windbank Patti-Kate of Anzita, 2nd Best Cat; Best Sil—Beverly-Serrano Petite, Chin f, Peterson. OS Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Dixland Queed of Azulita, Blue m, Johnston. Best Nov—Silver Vista Melody of Roxanne, ST f, Higgins; OS—Gallahad's Commander of C-J, BE Wh m, Elliott. Best Open—Gallahad's Joannee of C-J, Blue f, Elliott. OS Nov, Oaks Finian, SS m, Kaine. OS Sil—Sil-Ronore of Silver Mesa, Chin m, Webb. Best T&T—Castilla Bella Adorata, BK, Hamlin; OS—Glen-Lyn Don Tomas, RT m, Elliott. Best Bur—Boren's Sable Sakinah of C-J, Blue f, Boren. **HAIR SPECIALTY—Doris E. Springer.** Best Cat, Ch, FSH, Bur—Mizpah's Clancy. 2nd Best Cat; Best Sil—Krebs' Intrepid Fox, BP m, Krebs. Best Gr Ch, OS Cat, SH, FSH, Sia—Boren's Little Lady Lylac, FP f, Boren. OS Ch—Du-Bu, Faith of Dominica (Imp), SP f, Warfield. Best Nov, Moonlite Gambler, OS Nov, Bur—Boren's Sable Sakinah of C-J, f, Elliott. Best Open—Krebs' Whiffenpuff, BP f, Krebs. OS Open, MX—Tra-Mar's Flash, OS DSH—Krebs' Whiffenpuff, Blue f, Myrick. Best MX—Ocean View Blue Paisley. Best Blue Grass Chelope, Blue f, Porter. Best Abyss—Inke of Tops Kats, Blk, Topping; Spay—Princess Bam-Sek, SP, Brown. Entries: 217; Exhibitors: 107.

**HOOSIER CAT FANCIERS, INC. (CFF), 4th Ch Show, Nov. 14-15, Indianapolis, Ind. 1959. ALL BREED—Christine Hartman.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, T&T—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, BC, Wilson. Best Cat; Best Ch, SC—Blue Gables Blonde Blessing, Cr f, Wilson. OS Cat, T&T; Best SH, FSH, MX—Glen Orr's Olof of Manx, RT m, Carlsons. OS Gr Ch, LH, SC—Craz-E Baron, OEW m, Craz-E Baron. Best Nov—Shawnee Blue Topaz, Blue m, Horner; OS—Shawnee Red Veil. Best Open; OS SH, FSH, Sia—Win-Kin of Hi-Ree, BP f, Hildebrandt. Best Sil—Amaq of Katnip Korner, Sil f, Small; OS—Bellham's Robin of Smallhurst, Sil m, Small. Best DSH—Revere of New Silver Vista, OS MX—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, Blk f, Tracy. Best Abyss—Dabru of Sheramain, m, McNaughtan; OS—Dalyan Amber of KonKeKe, f, Slaughter. Best Bur—Sheramain's Tamar, f, McNaughtan; OS—Tap Toe Allegro of Tewada, m, Blum. Best Sil—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, LH m, KonKeKe Alesta of Tewada, Aby f, Wilson. Best Neuter—Rosemar Tangeto, SP, Anderson; Spay—Bettina, SS LH. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Lila Rippy.** Best Cat, Ch, SC—Craz-E Baron. OS Cat, Nov, SC—Shawnee Soap Suds, OEW f, Horner. OS Gr Ch, Best Sil—Amaq of Katnip Korner. Best Ch—Mimi of Muncie, SS f, Bailey; OS—Arlane's Timothy-Jo, Smk m, Taylor. Best Open; OS T&T—Elco Cookie too, RT m, Chaney. OS Sil—Bellham's Robin of Smallhurst, Best T&T—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, Best Kit—Blitzen; OS—Blue Gables Larkspur, BC, Wilson. Best Neuter—Jo-Zel Rutch, Cr LH, Conrad; Spay—Bettina. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Lila Rippy.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, SC, FSH, MX—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open, DSH, T&T—Shawnee Starter, ST m, Horner. Best Ch, Aby: OS FSH—Dabru of Sheramain, OS Ch—Ormal Harriet Frances, SP f, Pratt; Best Nov—Sheramain's Tamar, OS Nov—Sealer Ming Toy, SP m, Richardson. OS Open, Sia—Win-Kin of Hi-Ree. OS SC, MX—Akanta's M. Quarternote of Far-Fin, Blk m, Combs. Best Sia—Yen Oriental Boy of Dalai, SP m, Daly. OS Aby—Kalyan Ananka of Mil-Skate, f, Blum. Best Bur—Boren's Sable Sakinah of C-J, f, Elliott. OS—KonKeKe Alesta of Tewada; OS—Tra Mar's Sunny, Blk m, Tracy. Best Neuter—Omar, BP Mungler; Spay—Tiki, SP, Cingo. Entries: 224; Exhibitors: 111.

**FORT WAYNE CAT FANCIERS (CFA), Ch Cat Show, Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 16-17, 1960. ALL BREED—Kay McQuillen.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Moonlight, CEW m, Horner. 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Ch, LH, Sil—Favors Twilight Twinkle, Chin f, Favors. Best Gr Ch, MX, OS SH, FSH—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, Blk f, Tracy. Best Nov—Willowd Kari Red of Zer, Red f, Voelz; OS—Blitzen; Red m, Thornberry. Best Open—Shawnee Moonance, CEW m, Horner; OS—Caprice of Cashmere, BEW f, Mahoney. OS SC—Bloemhill Skylark, Blue f, Bloem. Best Sil—Sheroran's Masterpiece, Chin m, Naomi Favors. Best T&T—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, BC, Wilson—OS—Johnnie of Rustnik, PERT m, Wiesemann. Best SH, FSH, Sia—Van

Lyn's Dilly Boy, LP m, Vanderpool. OS Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Will-O'-Wee of Tap Toe, BP, Dabru. Best DSH—Lander Silver Pattern, ST f, Slaughter; OS—Karabee Tiger Lily, Tortie, Bierkeing. OS MX—Dwende's Blue Amour, Blue m, Best Aby—Selenie's Vignette of Willouise, m, Fix; OS—Selenie's Enchantment, f, Fix. Best Bur—Kokomo of Elbria, m, Slaughter; OS—Bernadette, f, Buel. Best RB—Jupiter of Van Lyn, m, Vanderpool. Best Kit—Fairbank Gahnda of Malaya, SP f, Boughey; OS—Evergreen's Laird Hirondele, CEW LH m, Lucas. Best Neuter—Jer-Mey Me Robin Too, SS LH—Bernadette, Up'n Down, Jah-Dah Ling, SE, Downes. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Robert Martin.** Best Cat, Open, SC—Shawnee Moonance, 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch; OS Cat, SC—Shawnee Soap Suds, CEW f, Horner. OS Ch—Shawnee Moonlight. Best Nov—Blitzen; OS—Fernwood's Ballarina, Blue f, Simble. OS Open—Caprice of Cashmere, Best Sil—Favors Twilight Twinkle; OS—Sheroran's Masterpiece. Best T&T—Shawnee Halowton, Tortie, Horner; OS—Jer-Mey Autumn Sun, RT m, Clark. Best Kit—Nor-Mont Debbie of Castilia, BC Myers; OS—Evergreen's Laird Hirondele. Best Neuter—Jer-Mey Me Robin Too. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Robert Martin.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, SC, FSH, MX—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Sia—Van Lyn's Platine, BP f, Vanderpool. OS Cat, Ch, FSH, Sia—Van Lyn's Dilly Boy, OS Gr Ch, Best DSH, Sil—Shawnee Starter, ST m, Horner. Best Nov, OS Bur—Bernadette, OS Nov—Roger's Fox-Tot, BP m, Roger. Best Open—Up'n Down's Sena Ling, SP f, Downes; OS—Mun-Ki, CP f, Keahi. OS SC, Best Bur—Kokomo of Elbria, m, Slaughter. OS Sil—Tabbi-Lan Silverkit, ST f, Clarkson. Best T&T, OS DSH—Karabee Tiger Lily, OS MX—Manzland Mornin' Mist of Tra Mar Imp, CEW m, Tracy. Best Aby—Selenie's Tammy of Aberdeen, f, Cole; OS—Selenie's Vignette of Willouise. Best RB—Jupiter of Van Lyn, Best Kit—Fairbank Gahnda of Malaya, m, Plaff. Best Bur—Kokomo of Elbria, m, Slaughter. Best Nov, SP, Beatty; Spay—Up'n Down Jah-Dah Ling. Entries: 295; Exhibitors: 128.

**MUNCIE FELINE FANCIERS, (CFA) Ch. Show, Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 16-17, 1960. ALL BREED—H. B. Elean.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Lee's Hi-Hat Champion, Cr m, Wilson. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch, LH, SC—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, BC, Wilson. Best Gr Ch, SH, FSH, Sia—Laurentide Solitaire, Imp, of Madall, LP f, Christi. OS Gr Ch, T&T—Shawnee Starter, ST m, Horner. Best Nov—Ambera's Gi-Gi of Dogwood Farm, Odd RW f, Baldwin. OS Nov, SH, FSH, Sia—Roger's Fox-Tot, BP m, Roger. Best Open—Shawnee Moonance, CEW m, Horner; OS—Up'n Down's Sena Ling, SP f, Downes. OS SC—Bloomhill Skylark, Blue f, Bloem. OS Sil—Shawnee Moonlight of Blitzen, f, Sullivan. Best DSH—Lavender Silver Pattern, ST f, Slaughter. OS—Solitary Mary of Zor, Blue f, Voelz. Best MX—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, Blk f, Tracy; OS—Crescent Doo's Dylan Doo, Blk m, Tomson. Best Aby—Selenie's Enchantment, f, Fix. OS Gr Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Starter, ST m, Horner. OS—Kokomo of Elbria, m, Slaughter; OS—Tap-Toe Katrina, f, Greenwood. Best RB—Jupiter of Van Lyn, m, Vanderpool. Best Kit—Evergreen's Laird Hirondele, CEW LH m, Lucas; OS—Silver Dust, LP f, Jewett. Best Neuter—Jer-Mey Me Robin Too, SS LH—Hillock; Spay—Up'n Down Jah-Dah Ling, SP, Downes. Entries: 280; Exhibitors: 128.

**GREATER ST. LOUIS CAT CLUB (CFA), 22nd Ch Show, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23-24, 1960. ALL BREED—Genevieve O'Neill.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Moonance, CEW m, Horner. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee's Soap Suds, CEW f, Horner. Best Gr Ch, SH, FSH, MX—Willa-Blite Pola of Silva Wyte, CEW f, Gebhardt. OS Gr Ch; Best Sil—Shy's Castle Jeffrey, Chin m, Shy. Best Nov—Shawnee Robby of Pajobi, Red m, Marshall; OS—Shy's Castle Petina, SS f, Harrison. Best Open—Prestwood Petunia of Jay-Kay, Imp, BP f, Anderson; OS—Wolfgang Impala of Livingston, SP f, Peterson and Wolfgang. OS Sil—Miss Priss, SS f, Bell. Best T&T—Shawnee Godiva, RV f, Horner; OS—Jay-Kay Jimmy Des, RT m, Anderson. OS SH, Best DSH—Lavender Silver Pattern, ST m, Collins. OS FSH, Sia—My-Lo's Tee-Wee, CP m, Lockery. Best Sia—Livingston Starter, BP f, Peterson. OS DSH—Shawnee Gentle Spark, ST f, Horner. Best Aby—Blue Grass Chu Chu, M, Combs; OS—Camelot's Lady Bertha, f, Fortner. Best Bur—Kokomo of Elbria, m, Slaughter. Best Kit—Chesterfield Nicole, BC LH, Kingsland; OS—Prestwood Scrabble of Jay-Kay, EW, Anderson. Best Neuter—Chesterfield Kippy of Shy's Castle, SS LH, Goldman; Spay—Lady The II, CEW LH, Lewis. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Laura Graham.** Best Cat, Ch, SC—Shawnee Moonlight, 2nd Best Cat—Anechusa Rigi of Shy's Castle, Imp, Blue m, Shy. OS Cat, Ch, T&T—Shawnee Godiva, Best Gr—Shy's Castle Jeffrey, Best Nov, Sil—Shy's Castle Shyness, Jr., SS m, Shy. OS Nov—Chesterfield Claire, CEW f, Kingsland. Best Open—Mil-War's Star Britz of Jay-Kay, BC, Anderson; OS—Shy's Castle Jamboree of Patze, Cr m, Taylor. Best SC—Shawnee Soap Suds, OS Sil—Shy's Castle Her Royal Shyness, Chin f, Shy. OS T&T—Jay-Kay Jimmy Des, Best Kit—Prestwood Scrabble of Jay-Kay, Imp, OS—Shy's Castle Dark Velvet, Blk f, Shy. Best Neuter—Chesterfield Kippy of Shy's Castle. **SHORTHAIRED SPECIALTY—Laura Graham.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, T&T, DSH—Lavender Silver Pattern, ST m, Horner. Best Nov, Sia, FSH, LH—Shawnee Lady Bertha, m, Lockery. OS Cat, Open, FSH, Aby—Camelot's Lady Bertha, OS Gr Ch, SC; Best MX—Willa-Blite Pola of Silva Wyte. Best Ch—Kom Ke Ke Silver Mist, BP f, Slaughter. OS Ch, SC—Ukon's White Arrow of Willa-Blite, BEW m, Blum. Best Bur—Boren's Sable Sakinah of C-J, f, Elliott. OS T&T, DSH—Mao Xenia Felixian, ST f, Dingworth. OS Sia—My-Lo's Blue Bonnet, BP f, Lockery. Best Aby—Blue Grass Chu Chu, Best Bur—Reeba, Aby m, Anderson. OS—Roi, Latse, SP f, Kuhlmann. Best Neuter—Shy's Castle Ming Toy, SP, Adams; Spay—Lady The II. Entries: 164; Exhibitors: 88.

**LINCOLN STATE CAT CLUB, INC. (CFA), 1st Ch Show, Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 30-31, 1960. ALL BREED—Julia Hunter.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Moonance, CEW m, Horner. 2nd Best Cat; Best Sil—Sheroran's Masterpiece, Chin m, Favors. OS Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Soap Suds, CEW f, Horner. Best Gr Ch—Shawnee Moonlight, CEW m, Horner. OS Gr Ch, Best SH, FSH, Sia—Laurentide Solitaire of Madall, Imp, LP f, Christi. (Continued on page 20)

## Fanciers Forum

### NOT HYBRIDS

Dear Editors:

While I agree in general with some of the information in Mr. Manley's April article, "Purebred or Hybrid", I think it important to emphasize that although Domestic Shorthair breed numbers may appear in the background of Laurentide imports, the cats so designated are not Domestic Shorthairs, but are the offspring of purebred "Foreign Shorthairs"—a Siamese and a Russian Blue.

One's attitude toward the propriety of such breeding is solely a personal matter, I would say. It is all a matter of record, and there was no trouble whatever until recently when some "crusader" managed to have Laurentide Solitaire and her brother Laurentide Titi reversed back into Foundation Record in CFA after having been in the Stud Book for nearly

three years, and having attained high awards in the Cat Fancy. Both are All-American and All-Midwestern cats. Solitaire is a Grand Champion in CFA and a Grand and Quintuple Champion in ACFA. Titi a Grand and Quintuple Champion in ACFA.

I would like it made clear, too, that there was absolutely no deception involved. Mrs. Hargreaves, from whom I imported these two cats gave me their full ancestry including the Russian Blue in the background. She provided a special form with all the details of their registration. So to protect her reputation and to remove the cloud which has been cast upon all owners of Laurentide cats I must make clear that there are absolutely no Domestic Shorthairs of any color in the background of Mrs. Hargreave's Siamese. The record is perfectly clear—Titi and Solitaire are pure Foreign Shorthair cats and the fifth generation Siamese from the cross of a Russian Blue and a Blue Point Siamese.

As for the Frost Point Siamese question

raised by Mrs. Manley. She tries to equate the Lilac Point with the Frost. The Frost Point Siamese is not the same color cat as the Lilac Point. They are as different as day and night. The Lilac has glacial white body, salmon-pink foot pads, pink nose leather, light silvery points. Ears are mauve with blood tone showing through. It is so ethereal that it is a revelation when one sees a Frost Point and a Lilac Point next to each other.

Mrs. Hargreaves was the first to breed a pure Lilac Siamese. She is a judge and a student of genetics who has used her beautiful color. I can not understand why she or her cats should now have become the center of an attack which while it may be well-intentioned seems to me to be doing a disservice to all of the Cat Fancy and to all progressive breeders.

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## Cats Show Calendar

### August

- 20-21—Asbury Park, N. J.—COMBINED SHOW. Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Pat Johnson). Sand and Surf Cat Club of New Jersey (CFA). All Breed (Doris Springer). Longhair Specialty (Blanche W. Smith); Shorthair Specialty (Lillian Pedulla). Kitten AB show (Barbara St. Georges and Dr. N. Tombs—Pat Johnson, referee).
- 26-27—Toronto, Canada—Canadian National Exhibition (ACA). All Breed; LH; SH (tha).

### September

- 3—Kirkland, Wash.—Cascade Cat Fanciers (ACFA). Carrier Show. (Judges tha.)
- 10—Schenectady, N. Y.—Mohawk Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Dr. Frances L. MacCraken); LH Specialty (Margaret Lovett); SH Specialty (Edna Fields).
- 17-18—Madison, Wisc.—Madison Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); LH & SH Specialties (Frances Herms).
- 24-25—Detroit, Mich.—COMBINED SHOWS: Michigan All Breed Cat Club (ACFA). AB, LH, SH. American National Cat Club (ACFA). AB, LH, SH. (Judges tha.)
- 24-25—Minneapolis, Minn.—COMBINED SHOWS. Gopher State Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH & SH Specialties (Patricia Krebs). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Irene Powell); LH & SH Specialties (C. H. Krebs).

### October

- 1-2—Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Julia Hunter); LH & SH Specialties (Mrs. W. Lee).
- 22-23—Atlantic City, N. J.—World's Playground Feline Fanciers (ACFA). (Show and Judges tha.)
- 22-23—Minneapolis, Minn.—Twin City Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed, LH, SH (tha).
- 22-23—Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.—Long Island Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (tha); LH & SH Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).
- 22-23—Youngstown, Ohio—Western Reserve Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang); LH & SH Specialties (Lorraine Weismann).
- 29-30—Denver Colorado—COMBINED SHOWS. Colorado Cat Fanciers, Inc. (ACFA). All Breed (Frances Kosterowski); LH & SH Specialties (Harriet Wolfgang). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Patricia Krebs).
- 29-30—Philadelphia, Pa.—Penn State Cat Club (CFF). AB, LH, SH. (Judges tha.)

### November

- 4-5—New York, N. Y.—Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed, LH, SH (tha).
- 5-6—Bethlehem, Pa.—Lehi Valley Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Blanche Smith); LH and SH (tha).
- 5-6—Longview, Texas—COMBINED SHOW. East Texas Cat Club (ACFA) and American National Cat Club. (Helen Mueller, Ann Manley, others tha.)
- 12-13—Providence, R. I.—All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast, Inc. (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tha).
- 12-13—Youngstown, Ohio—Maumee Valley Cat Club (UCF). (Shows and Judges tha.)
- 12-13—Providence, R. I.—All Breed Cat Club of the Northeast, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. J. H. Revington); LH Specialty (Mrs. E. A. Kunkel); SH Specialty (Frances Herms).
- 12-13—Indianapolis, Ind.—Hoosier Cat Fanciers (CFF). AB, LH, SH (tha).
- 19-20—Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tha).
- 26-27—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—The Frontier Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tha).
- 26-27—Costa Mesa, Calif.—COMBINED SHOWS. Western Cat Club (UCF) and Intra-Valley Cat Club (UCF). (Shows and Judges tha.)
- 26-27—Dayton, Ohio—Dayton Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed, LH, SH (tha).

### December

- 3-4—Philadelphia, Pa.—William Penn Cat Club (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tha).

### January

- 14-15—Kansas City, Mo.—Mo-Kan Cat Club (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tha).
- 21-22—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Naomi Favors); Silver & Solid Color Specialties (Lillian Limpert); T&T and Foreign Shorthair Specialties (Richard Gebhardt).

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Best Nov—Willowite Jui Dee Vire, Blue m, Fix; OS—Birchwood's Cassandra, BP f, Muckenhoupt. Best Open—Vi-Jon Gorgeous George, Jr. Blue m, Small; OS—Arlane's Soraya Desiree, Smk f, Brown. OS Sil—King Kat Fur Angel of Moonlight, Chin f, Rogers. Best T&T—Shawnee Godiva, RT f, Horner; OS—Tudor's Tabby of Silver Circle, BT m, Erickson. OS SH, FSH, Mx—Glen Orr's Olof of Manz, RT m, Carsons. Best DSH—Shawnee Stardier, ST m, Horner. OS—Karabee I'm a Lotus Lily Too, CEW f, Bierkeng. Best Mx—Willa-Blite Pola of Silva Wyta, CEW f, Gebhardt. OS Sia—Kalyan Cha Mo, SP m, Hamling. Best Aby—Selene's Vignette of Willowite, m, Fix; OS—KonKeke Alestia of Tewada, f, Wilson. Best Bur—KokoMo of Elbria, m, Slaughter. OS—Reeba Ka, f, Slaughter. Best Kit—Vi-Jon's Kaml of Khyo, Blue LH f, Franko; OS—Bererest's Li Kai, SP m, Gabriel. Best Neuter—Arlane's Smokie Joe, Smk LH m, Flynn; Spay—Smoo-zhi Cleo, SP f, Vogel. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Louis Sami.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, SC—Shawnee Moonlight, 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat; Best Ch, T&T—Kobinoor Kathleen of Moonlight, Tortie, Rogers. OS Ch; Best Sil—Shermar's Masterpiece, Best Nov—Willowite Jui Dee Vire; OS—Beaurette of Calypso, Tortie, Beardsley. Best Open—Vi-Jon Gorgeous George, Jr. OS Open, SC—Southland's Gaiety, Blue f, Prather. OS Sil—King Kat Purr Angel of Moonlight, OS T&T—Tudor's Tabby of Silver Circle. Best Kit—Willowite Blue Pixie, Blue f, Ryan; OS—Gaymoor's Eric of Silver Circle, Blue m, Erickson. Best Neuter—Arlane's Smokie Joe. **SIAMESE SPECIALTY—Ocell Novak.** Best Cat, Ch—KokoKhan, CP m, Christy. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Open—Blue Grass Bogalivilla of Case, SP f, Case. Best Gr Ch—Laurentide Solitaire of Madali; OS—Yen Oriental Boy of Dalai, SP m, Daly. OS Ch—Veja Suda Choa, SP f, McKendry. Best Nov—Usaf's Imperial Imp, SP f, Brodie; OS—Fan-T-Cee Calypso II of Madali, SP m, Christy. OS Open—Moonlite Minaret of Madali, BP m, Christy. Best Kit—Cyrcia's Theale, SP m, Schorsch; OS—Futura, SP f, Duffy. Best Neuter—Fairbank Jason, SP m, Singer; Spay—Up'n Downs Jak Dah Ling, SP, Downs. **ALL SHORTHAI (Except Siamese) SPECIALTY—Ocell Novak.** Best Cat, Ch, T&T DSH—Gray Horse Farms Gentleman, ST m, McQuillen. 2nd Best Cat, Best FSH, Mx—Glen Orr's Olof of Manz, OS Cat, T&T, FSH, Mx—Glen Orr's Pandora, P f, Carsons. Best Gr, SC, Bur—KokoMo of Elbria, OS Gr Ch—Willa-Blite Pola of Silva Wyta, OS Ch, DSH—Karabee Tiger Lily, Tortie, Bierkeng. Best Nov—Usaf's Dominator, Bur m, Brodie. OS Nor—Bee Sil Willard's Jill, Smk f, Okopaki. OS SC—Karabee I'm a Lotus Lily Too, OS Sil—Koolmorming Black Pep-purr, Smk m, Kollmorgen. Best Aby—Blue Grass Thyme of Case, m, Case; OS—Selene's Enchantment, f, Fix. OS Bur—Reeba Ka, Best Kit—Milbrae's Miss Cocoa, Bur m, Milne; OS—Milbrae's Miss Coquette, Bur f, Milne. Entries: 289; Exhibitors: 118.

**PORTAGE TRAIL CAT CLUB (CFA), 4th Ch Show, Akron, Ohio, Feb. 6-7, 1960. ALL BREED—Kay McQuillen.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, LH, Sil—Shermar's Boy Wonder, Chin m, Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, SC—Solon Bruce, Blk m, Miller. OS Cat, LH, SC; Best Ch—Nor-Mont Saucy, Blue f, Hoag. OS Gr Ch; Best SH, FSH, Mx—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, Blk f, Tracy. OS Ch—Klinhammer's Topper of Castilla, CEW m, Myers. Best Nov, T&T—Stonybrook Gloria, BC, English. OS Nov—Evergreen's Elegance of Skyway, OddEW m, Schuh. OS Open—Wycliffe Holly, Red f, Pelton. OS Sil—Golden Crescent's Lovely Star, SS f, Silis. OS T&T, SH; Best DSH—Solon Red Embury, RT m, Miller. Best FSH, Mx—Monk Chaing Frostee, LP m. OS Sia—Fan-T-Cee Will-O-Wee of Tap Toe, BP f, Dzbanaki. OS DSH—Barlyn's Ebony Dutches, Blk f, Hoag. OS Mx—Dwende White Mooragh, BEW m, Schaus. Best Aby—Selene's Firefly, m, Schuler; Best Bur—Reeba Ka, f, Slaughter; OS—Dalai Honee Bear of KonKeke, m, Slaughter. Best RB—Casa Gatos Zarina O'Bogae, m, Schuler. Best Kit—Gallahad's Courage of Karen Hills, BEW f, Hills; OS—Bur Mur Farm Monarch, SP m, Finch. Best Neuter—Bur Mur Farm II-Bit, BP, Smith; Spay—Cashmere Snow White of Ori-N-Tal, BEW f, Scaletta. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Richard Gebhardt.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, LH, SC—Chez Monnette Cal of Nor-Mont, Cr m, Hoag. 2nd Best Cat; Best Nov—Evergreen's Elegance of Skyway, OS Cat, Ch, SC; Best Ch—Nor-Mont Saucy. OS Ch—Klinhammer's Topper of Castilla, OS Nov—Nor-Mont White Chalk, CEW f, Hoag. Best Open—Wycliffe Holly; OS—Solon Bruce, Best Sil—Shermar Boy Wonder; OS—Marleone Springtime Caprice, Chin f, Lovett. Best T&T—Nor-Mont Dutches,

Tortie, Hoag; OS—Your Pets Moose, ST m, Baker. Best Kit—Kitturah's Majeto, Red f, Musser; OS Nor—Mont Maria, Blue f, Hoag. Best Neuter—Castilla, SP, Gallie; OS LH, Wein. Spay—Cashmere Snow White of Ori-N-Tal. **SHORTHAI SPECIALTY—Richard Gebhardt.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, T&T, DSH—Lavender Silver Pattern, ST m, Collins. 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Gr Ch; Best FSH, SC, Mx—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, Blk f, Tracy. Best Bur—Gatos Zarina O'Bogae, OS Ch; Best Aby—Selene's Firefly, Best Nov—Tap Toe Aurora, LP f, Dzbanaki; OS—Krebs Star Dancer of Cassanova, BP m, McPhee. Best Open—Fan-T-Cee Calypso II of Madali, SP m, Christy; OS—Thut-Choo Chip of Grandy, CP f, Faulkner. OS SC, FSH—Best Bur—KokoMo of Elbria, m, Slaughter. Best Sil—Blue Grass Cigarette of Scioto, Smk m, Blayney. OS T&T—Toby II of Scioto, Tortie, Blayney. Best Sia—Laurentide Solitaire, Imp. of Madali, LP f, Christy; OS—Mon Ching Frostee, OS DSH—Barlyn's Ebony Dutches, OS Mx—Dwende White Mooragh; OS Bur—Reeba Ka. Best Kit—Brindell Nina of BurMur Farm, BP f, Finch; OS—BurMur Farm Monarch, BP m, Finch. Best Neuter—Bur Mur Farm Dandy, CP m, Johnson; Spay—Blue Storm Girl, BP f, Williams. Entries: 190; Exhibitors: 85.

**CINCINNATI CAT CLUB, INC. (CFA), 6th Ch Show, Feb. 13-14, 1960. ALL BREED—Laura Graham.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Moonlight, CEW m, Horner. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch—Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Cr m, Wilson. OS Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Shawnee Soap Suds, CEW f, Horner. OS Gr Ch—Laurentide Solitaire, Imp. of Madali, LP f, Christy. Best Nov—Dee's Starlight Acappella of Spero Blk m, Anderson; OS—Wheeler's Juliet of Evergreen, Cr f, Warner. Best Open—Tap-Toe Allegro of Tewada, Bur m, Wilson. OS Open, Sia—Dalai Lady Jak of Dot Sie, SP, Uddell. Best Sil—Shermar's Masterpiece, Chin m, Favors; OS—Favor's Twilight Lu-Lu, SS f, Favors. Best T&T—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, BC, Wilson. OS—Eloco's REBA m, Conroy. Best SH, DSH—Gray Horse Farm Gentleman, ST m, McQuillen. OS SH, DSH—Shawnee Jenda, Spur ST m, Horner. Best FSH, Sia—Monk-Chaing Frostee, LP m, OS FSH; Best Aby—KonKeke Alestia of Tewada, f, Wilson. Best Mx—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, Blk f, Tracy. Best Bur—Gatos Zarina O'Bogae, f, Slaughter. Best RB—Casa Gatos Zarina O'Bogae, f, Slaughter. Best Kit—Kitturah's Mojeto, Red LH m, Musser; OS—Milbrae's Miss Coquette, Bur f, Milne. Best Neuter—Basin ST, Classic, Blk LH, Caldwell; Spay—Regal Madura of Lan Yen, Bur, Warner. **SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Mary Kate Carroll.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, SC—Shawnee Moonlight, 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, SC; Best Ch—Shawnee Soap Suds, OS Ch; Best Nov—Shawnee Moonlight, CEW f, Horner. Best Open—Prestdwood Scabbie of Jay-Kay, Imp., Blue m, Anderson; OS—Wheeler's Juliet of Evergreen. Best Open—Evergreen's Elegance of Skyway, OddEW m, Schuh; OS—Presdwood Scabbie of Jay-Kay, Imp., Blue m, Anderson. Best Kit—Castilla Serena, Blue, LH f, Myers. OS—Kitturah's Mojeto, Best Neuter—Spero's Basin ST, Classic. **TABBY & TORTIE SPECIALTY—Mary Kate Carroll.** Best Cat, Ch, Sil—Nor-Mont Debbie of Castilla, BC, Myers. 2nd Best Cat; Best Ch, Best FSH, Mx—Glen Orr's Pandora, P f, Carsons. Best Nov—Johnnie of Rustnik, PRT m, Wiesemann. OS Ch—Eloco's Cookie Too, RT m, Cheney. OS Nov—Eloco's Ponderosa, OS Open—Skyway's Brown Velvet of King Midas, BP f, Wheeling. Best Kit—Rustnik's Mary Terry, Tortie, Wiesemann. OS Donor, RT, Stewart. **SILVER SPECIALTY—Mary Kate Carroll.** Best Cat, Ch, Sil—Shermar's Masterpiece, 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Ch, Sil—Favor's Twilight Lu-Lu, Best Nov—Shermar Tiny Timothly, Smk m, Benjamin. Best Nov—Nor-Mont Silver Dutches, Chin f, Marcus. Best Open—Palaka, Bon Jon of Money Penny, Smk m, Monney. Best Nov—Gini's Estrallita, Chin f, Caldwell. Best Kit—Jay-Kay Silver Bell, ST f, Anderson. OS—Jay-Kay Silver Rose, ST m, Anderson. Best Neuter—Jay-Dandy, Tortie, Bur, Schuler. **FOREIGN SHORTHAI SPECIALTY—Ocell Novak.** Best Cat, Gr Ch, FSH, Mx—Xantha's Candice of Tra Mar, 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch, Bur—Sherman Tamar, f, McNaughton. OS Cat, FSH, Best Open, Sia—Tewada Blu Mink, BP m, Wilson. OS Gr Ch, Best Ch, Best FSH, Mx—KokoKhan of Madali, CP, Neuber. Best Nov—Fan-T-Cee's Minnesa, SP m, Hoyt. OS Nov; Best Aby—Kalyan Ananka of Milbrae, f, Wilson. OS Open, Sia—Dunedin Blu Tai Lu of Dalai, BP f, Daly. Best T&T—Akanta Mr. Quartnote of Far-Fin. OS Aby—Selene's Vignette of Willowite, Smk m, Bur. Best Kit—KokoMo of Elbria, m, Slaughter. Best RB—Casa Gatos Zarina O'Bogae. Best Kit—Mae's San Lee, SP m, Platt. OS—Brindell Nina of BurMur Farm, BP f, Finch. Best Neuter—Lo-Yo, Arch-Brook, SP, McNeer. Spay—Regal Madura of Lan Yen, Bur, Warner. **SHORTHAI SPECIALTY—Ocell Novak.** Best Cat, Ch, Sil—Gray Horse Farm Gentleman, 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat; Best Open, SC—Bur Mur Farm Queen Anne, CEW f, Finch. Best Gr Ch—Shawnee Stardier, ST m, Horner. OS Ch; Best T&T—Holmes, Tortie, Rawdon. Best Nov—Bee f, Taylor; OS—Flopie, Cr m, Blaurock. OS Open—Samba, Cr m, Blaurock. OS SC—Blackstone, Blk m, Clay. OS Sil—Shawnee Jentele Spark, Best Kit—Inz, Cr m, Blaurock. Best Neuter—Fritz, Blue, Engel; Spay—Cookie, BC, Clay. Entries: 140.

**SAN FRANCISCO CAT CLUB (ACA), 13th Ch. Show, San Mateo, Calif., Feb. 20-21, 1960. ALL BREED—Edith Schulte.** Best Cat, Ch, LH, SC—Rania's Su-Wanna of Prieta, GEW f, Beller. 2nd Best Cat, Best SH, FSH, Aby—Bogae's Seb of Cher-Lan, m, Quinn. OS Cat, LH, SC—Best Nov—Nui Nui of Fair Oaks, Smk m, Raine. Best Gr Ch—Shanna Groth Black Pearl, f, Munfrey. Best Nov—Kitten-Kat's Dark Secret, Blk m, Hoffman; OS—Walnut Hill Delight, OS f, Jencks. Best Sil—Beverly's Petite, SS f, Peterson. Best Open, DSH; OS SH—Barford, Contest, BT f, McDonald. OS Open, Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Flycia of Bograi, BP f, Forrest & Quiner. OS SC—Casa St. Cyr's Gipsy Rover, Red m, Metcalfe. Best T&T—Castilla Bella Adorador of El Gatito, BG f, Hamlin; OE—Eloco's Tiny Tim of Angelita, RTFF m, Frankfield. OS FSH, Best Bur—HRH Marin Reine d'Or of Cere, f, Bucuoy. Best Sia—Elo-Yee's Hi-Dee-Ho, SP m, Magman. OS DSH—Kendall, RT m, Layman. Best Mx—Truanta Grey Mist, BC, Jencks; OS—Ocean View Buzaboy, Blue m, Jencks. Best RB—Almar's Kira of Celer, m, Bucuoy. OS Aby—Blue Grass Tulipa of Bograi, f, Forest & Quiner. OS Bur—Deals Chocolate Thomas Cat, m, Deal. Best Kit—USAF's Sebbard of Cher-Lan, Aby, SP, Quiner; OS—Walnut Hill Cher Lai, Sil f, Spuler. Best Neuter—Ceri's Little Caesar, SP, Manahan. Spay—Cory. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Poly Jones.** Best Cat, Ch, Sil—Beverly-Serrano Petite, 2nd Best Cat; Best Nov—Walnut Hill Delight. OS Cat, Ch, Sil—Uwani Nui Nui of Fair Oaks, Best Gr Ch—Shanna Groth Black Pearl, OS Nov—Dee's White Challenger, GEW m, Goldberg. Best Open, T&T—Castilla Bella Adorador of El Gatito, OS Open, SC—El Gato Azul's Francisco de El Gatito, Cr m, Hamlin. Best Sil—Rania's Su-Wanna of Prieta, OS T&T—Eloco's Tiny Tim of Angelita. Best Kit—Smithway Politician, Blue m, Smith; OS—Walnut Hill Cher Lai. Best Neuter—Greenbough's Sunshine, Sil Simpson; Spay—Las Lomas Frill, McKnight. **SHORTHAI SPECIALTY—Poly Jones.** Best Cat, Open, FSH, Best Nov—King's Cho-Ah of Elo-Yee, m, Magman. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov—Cere's Kinberley of ELB, BP m, Ebert. OS Cat, Open, FSH; Best Mx—Odette, BT f, Clark. Best Ch, DSH—Cross's Little White Fire, OddEW f, Weiss. OS Ch, Aby—Bogae's Seb of Cher-Lan, OS Sia—Fan-T-Cee's Flycia of Bograi, BP f, Forrest & Quiner. OS Mx—Ocean View Buzaboy. Best Bur—HRH Marin Reine d'Or of Cere; OS—Tzanna Rangoon. Best RB—Almar's Kira of Cere, Bucuoy. Best Kit—Kwan Yin's Kummel, SP m, Deeths-Wilsons. OS—Mew Meadows Velvet Rose, Blk f, Weiner. Best Neuter—Ceri's Little Caesar, Spay—Cory—Rimby-Roberta-Tseroff, Aby, O'Connor. Entries: 220; Exhibitors: 113.

**SHOW REPORT CORRECTIONS**  
**COLORADO CAT FANCIERS (CFA), Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1959. ALL BREED—Yelen Mueller.** OS FSH, Sia—Isabel, Mx—Delajah O'Killarney, SP f, Kelly and Meuser. **SILVERGATE CAT CLUB (CFA), San Diego, Calif., Sept. 19-20, 1959. T&T SPECIALTY—Pat Krebs.** 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Kerry, RT f, Kern. Best Nov—Kerry, RT f, Kern. **DELAWARE CAT FANCIERS (CFA), Oct. 10-11, 1959. ALL BREED—Mr. Walker.** m, Johnston. 2nd Best Cat—Shy Pines Shy Guy, Blue m, Rabbit. **BOSTON CAT CLUB (CFA), Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1959. ALL BREED—Laura J. Graham.** Best Sil—Bean, RT, Twetzel. Best Ch—Kerry, RT f, Kern. Best Ch, Best Ch—Pinelholm, Chin m, Holmes. **SAN FRANCISCO CAT CLUB (ACA), San Mateo, Calif., Feb. 20-21, 1960. ALL BREED—Edith Schulte.** Best Nov—Kitten-Kat's Dark Secret, Blk m, Hoffman. OS Nov—Walnut Hill Delight, SS f, Weston.



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## SITTER

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plied, "I'm sure I have no idea what you're talking about."

"When there is any mothering to do from now on I'm going to take care of my own and let humans do the same."

Vera opened her yellow eyes wide and moved in a little closer.

"Well, for heaven's sake, Aggie, what did you do?"

"I followed your advice, that's what I did."

"That shouldn't have caused any trouble. Perhaps you went a little too far, dearie."

"Vera, I am well aware of the bounds of propriety. I did nothing for that child that I wouldn't have done for one of my own."

"Tell me about it Aggie, you'll feel better for it."

"Eventually the baby and I got along fine," said Agnes. "He wasn't a bad little thing even for a human. In fact, I became very attached to him."

Vera looked up sharply but kept her own thoughts.

"It didn't take me long to see that the poor little thing was being neglected," continued Agnes. "Why, he was a good six months old and hadn't one bit of training."

"They go on that way for years," said Vera.

"This morning I decided that something had to be done."

"You have to be careful in such matters," said Vera.

"I can assure you that I gave the subject my full thought. I wanted to teach him something that would come in handy all his life. Something that would make him wanted and assure him of a good position."

"Aggie — you didn't!" said Vera, delighted.

"I did."

"Oh, Aggie, how clever of you. I always say, a good mouser gets the best home."

"My thought exactly. And you know, Vera, if they are going to be any good you have to start them young."

Agnes stopped to lick down a few hairs she suddenly felt were out of place. Vera shifted excitedly.

"When I finally caught a mouse and brought it to him I had my first shock. He wasn't interested. I played with it, showing him generally how things should be done. After a while he made a grab for it and that was all wrong. You just don't hunt that way. I tried to get it away from him to show him he was wrong. He thought we were playing and wouldn't let go. There we were, the two of us fighting over a dead mouse."

"I was so determined to take it from him and continue with the lesson that I never heard his mother coming. She had never come at that time before."

"She may have heard you arguing with the baby," said Vera.

"That could be it," said Agnes. "I first became aware of her when she began screaming. I let go of the mouse and looked up. There she was in the doorway, her eyes all white and popping and her face the color of fresh liver. It didn't take me a second to know there was something wrong."

"You know, yourself," said Vera, "how fighting-upset a mother gets when a stranger interferes with her kittens."

"I never thought of that," said Agnes. "Well, she didn't stay in the doorway long and I started for the window even sooner. The window had a screen in it and my claws got caught. The mouse hit the screen just above my head. I gave one lunge and tore loose. The rest isn't too clear. As I remember it, she had the baby tucked under one arm and was throwing anything she could grab with her free hand. A lamp missed me by a whisker as I scooted out of the nursery. She followed, yelling and carrying on. The last thing she threw was a heavy metal bookend. That went through one of the front windows and I followed it."

"That's the way the world is," said Vera. "You put yourself out to do a good turn and you're not appreciated . . . Aggie, where are you going?"

"To find a new home as I should have in the first place."

## SALLY

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(who later became a favorite model) had found a home.

Such incidents are typical of Sally's kind heart. She loves cats of all kinds and is active in the local Cat Fancy as well as in humanitarian work.

Purebred cats have the same personal appeal to Sally as do Domestic Shorthairs, but it is these "ordinary" cats which she uses most often in her work. They seem to fit in best with her mode of expression.

Not all artists can portray cats, and it is not hard to see why. It is only because Sally's models like and understand her, and because Sally has a special feeling for them, that she can use her technical gifts to create such splendid portraits of them.

## BACKFENCE

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him says his gruff demeanor is just a front — down underneath he is all kitten.

Herman didn't get a very fair start in life, for his mother and five brothers and sisters were drowned in the big storm of '47. This traumatic experience built a great distrust of life around poor Herman and it is only occasionally that he can peek out and see the sun and feel the warmth of other beings.

Captain Spady believes that Puddles, a little lady cat Herman seems to tolerate, will change this ferocious fellow into a friendly feline using nothing more fragile than romance.

As we mentioned in the beginning . . . it's June. That's somehow synonymous with love. Be it boy and girl or just two ailerophiles who got together to discuss

their views on the object of their mutual esteem. The New York *Herald Tribune* printed an interview with John Inglis Hall and Lilian MacKendrick, author and illustrator, respectively, of a recently published volume on cats.

They both agreed that cats are superior to humans, to say nothing of all other mammals extant, with the possible exception of seals. Mr. Hall harbors a belief that the human race is descended from seals. He was born into a distinguished cat-loving family; as many as two dozen cats shared the family home in Windermere, England. His mother devoted herself to the task of "breeding the tabby out of tabby cats." (Tabby is the gentler English word for alley cat). Raised as he was, he is an avid student of the cat personality and character. Has used them often for the subject of his short stories for he admires their "undoggishness."

Mrs. McKendrick, a successful painter, offered her thought that there could not be a civilization without cats. Much would have been destroyed by rodents and existence would have been affected by disease and famine. She also advises that you can't just sit down and paint a cat. You must live with one to catch its many moods, and to transfer them successfully into art you have to understand them.

Both Mrs. MacKendrick and Mr. Hall are agreed that cats are psychic and "Nature's best job so far. If the cat had only developed a thumb, humans wouldn't have a chance."

—J. L.

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## The Back Fence

It's June and it's wonderful circus time again. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey three-ring show has an act this year that so impressed Anthony Shannon, staff writer for the New York *World-Telegram*, that he dedicated his entire column to it.

German-born Reinhold Karsten has completely destroyed a fallacy that has lived in many minds. He has trained thirteen cats to perform difficult tricks on schedule and in complete harmony with thirty rats. Mr. Karsten first trained the rats to the act's routine and then introduced the cats one at a time. He gives full credit to love, saying, "I teach them first that life is beautiful, and they learn to live with each other."

Although it took over two years of concentrated effort to achieve this sensational premiere, Mr. Karsten maintains all creatures can be taught to accept each other. Despite most opinions to the contrary, cats can and will happily learn to obey as well as any other animal.

Further proof along these lines is Lassie, living out in Milwaukee as the dear good cat of Mrs. Ellis. Dorothy Madle, writer for the *Sentinel* of that city, saw this with her own eyes.

Mrs. Ellis had no thought of teaching her cat when she gave obedience lessons to her collie. Lassie just observed and noticed how pleased her owner was when the dog followed her commands. Now it is Lassie who heels, sits, stays and walks when Mrs. Ellis speaks.

She was taken to several shows this past season. Not as a competitor, but just to demonstrate that love, trust and attention will prompt a cat to try to please. Her owner feels any cat, treated kindly, will respond to an owner's voice.

And, good citizens, we had all best learn to humor our feline residents. Saddle Brook, New Jersey, is facing a junior-type crisis resulting from a decree restricting cats.

The town council is regretting a three-year-old ordinance which demands all cats in Saddle Brook be licensed. Either the cats took personal offense at the ruling and left, or the owners of the town's mousers got rid of their pets; now the records show a population explosion in the mouse coterie.

Mayor Zdanowicz admits it seems now to have been poor judgment to have passed such a law, since the local board of health reports complaints coming in from all parts of town protesting the increasing number of rodents.

The town councilmen hope an amendment will effect a return of the vigilantes. Perhaps they can borrow Terrible Herman, the cat who hates vermin.

The Charleston, South Carolina, *News and Courier*, had a feature about Herman, the "wharf tiger," who has kept the dock at Adger's Wharf free of mice, rats, dogs, and even other cats, for the past thirteen years. The sea captain who sort of owns

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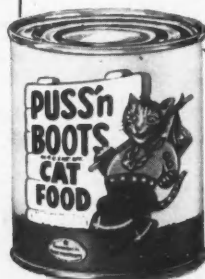
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